NIH Service Provider Discussion

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1. We are a little confused as to what the character limit is for the Project Title in the electronic PHS398. For the "paper copy" PHS 398, the instructions state on page 5, Item 1, Project Title: *Do not exceed 56 characters, including spaces between words and punctuation.* In the document, Validations for Service Providers (April 16, 2004 version), on page 11: *ProjectTitle is defined at as String with a max size of 81 characters.*

> **Answer: The new guidelines for the PHS 398 will be changing the restriction on project title from 56 characters to 81 characters. CGAP has been modified in anticipation of that change. Applications with project titles that are between 56 and 81 characters will be accepted and processed at NIH for the June and July receipt dates.**

2. R34s (NIH Clinical Trial Planning Grant) seem like simple grants like R01/03/21.

(http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/r34.htm and http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-008.html).

Are R34s acceptable for the June/July pilots? If so will there be a "validation" for these as well?

> **Answer: No**

3. Does NIH have a date that the Pilot Participant package will be ready for service providers?

> **Answer: This will be ready next week. We hope to have it available on May 12 and will notify the Service Providers as soon as it is ready.**

4. **Discussion item on the call:**

> **The CGAP team announced that we would be making a change to the schema for the July receipt date. This change is to address the requirement for a Data Sharing Plan for budgets over $500K. Please see the following for more information about this policy, which has not yet been incorporated into the PHS398 Instructions: http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-03-032.html.**